

Minutes

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

February 21, 2007

Board Members Present: Chairperson Ann McKown, District Court Judge; Vice Chairman Wes Crabtree, Office of the Sheriff; Secretary Robin Odom, NC Department of Labor; Lao Rubert, Carolina Justice Policy Center; Michael Nifong, District Attorney; Fredericka Carver, Member At Large; Marcia Owen, Victim Services; Gayle Harris, Public Health; Michael Page, Durham County Commissioner; Geoff Hathaway, Community Corrections; Deborah Schwartz, Member At Large

Board Members Absent: Lafonda General, Member At Large; Ellen Holliman, Mental Health; Carolyn Titus, Deputy County Manager; Antoinette Hilliard, Public Defender's Office; Kenneth Titus, Superior Court Judge; Riley Butler, Community-Based Corrections Program; Sadie Alger, Substance Abuse

Staff: Gudrun Parmer, Jo Iverson, Robin Heath, Jonie Coss

Guests: Craig Brown, District Court Judge; Conrad Strader, CJPP Coordinator; Rob Robinson, The Durham Center (sitting in for Ellen Holliman); Dianne Smith, TASC

The meeting was called to order by chairperson The Honorable Ann McKown, members and guest introduced themselves. She welcomed everyone.

Ann presented November 15th minutes for approval. Minutes were approved.

CJPP Application for Continuation Funding – Gudrun Parmer presented the Application for Continuation of Implementation Funding to the board. She explained the application needed to be approved by the board and once approved it would then go to the Board of County Commissioners in Mid March for approval and then forwarded to Conrad Strader, CJPP Coordinator by March 31st. She stated the application was much the same every year and the amount had not changed. Gudrun briefly explained each section of the application and some of the minor changes in staffing, program goals and each of the objectives to meet those goals. Gudrun summarized the budget part of the application, explaining each section. She stated the total amount requested was \$169,131. There were several questions in reference to the grant and budget application. A motion was moved to approve the application. All board members were in favor to approve the application.

Program Update – Jo Iverson presented program numbers from July 06 through January 07. She explained the overall numbers for the program and broke down the report by summarizing the numbers for each program. She stated the admission numbers were very low for Day Reporting Center but very high for the Second Chance Program. There was some discussion on the recommendations that were made by TASC and Court Services and how those recommendations affected the numbers. Jo completed her report by stating her observation was that DRC clients

seemed to be staying in the program longer even though the numbers were low. Lao suggested for Jo to complete a report on retention measures and bring the report back to the next board meeting. Ann stated since the new Judge was appointed there were some discussions among the judges about having two sessions of criminal court on Fridays and during the second session have a probation compliance calendar for early-on probationers. She stated a lot of logistics needed to be worked out. The idea was to have an early intervention and help the probationers stay on track. The board agreed this would be a good compliance tool when it comes to compliance issues. Judge Brown and Judge McKown will gather more information in the months to come and bring that information back to the board.

Gudrun completed the program update; she stated CJRC applied for CJPP reallocation funds in the amount of \$2,700 and the application had been approved. She informed the board the funds would be used for the CJPP Training Institute and the client incentive program.

Gudrun brought a concern to the board about the high number of admission to the Second Chance Program. She stated CJRC would not be able to maintain the quality of service with the treatment staff on hand. Her concern was putting quantity over quality. She stated a waiting list was not what CJRC wanted to do for people who needed treatment now. She stated that something needed to be figured out. Judge McKown mentioned that with the two Criminal Courts in the morning things would slow things down enough to address that concern. Gudrun spoke about the Durham Center and how it had expanded its services and Second Chance was no longer the only option for TASC to refer them to.

Gudrun mentioned there had been a lot of Media coverage for CJRC from Dec through February. Some of the coverage included Secretary Beck's visit, Pretrial Services, Court Services, and a New Day.

Gudrun stated the board had good representation at the Reentry Summit held in November, those who attended were Michael Page, Marcia Owen, Wes Crabtree, Lao Rubert and herself. She also thanked the board members who attended the luncheon in January with Secretary Beck. She also thanked those who attended the Center's first performance titled "Doin Time: Through the Visiting Glass" held Jan 27th. She mentioned the performer had been invited to perform at the GHI Conference in May. Gudrun informed the board that Amy was working on a piece called "Rewind" for March, the final date had not yet been determined; but more information would follow. Gudrun completed her report by highlighting the following information: another grant for Community Development Block Grant funding was submitted in December. A SA counselor position which was vacant for a year and a half had been filled. CJRC had started working on the 2007/2008 budget and a few of the budget items being considered were the expansion of STARR Grad, the extension of the employment program and possibly adding a reentry piece for the jail population. Project Restore, which partners with the City of Durham and Durham Tech, was scheduled to start March 5th. The Durham Center was working on developing an adult System of Care, also called the Adult Community Collaborative, and working on the Mental Health/ Criminal Justice collaboration. A Reentry grant had been submitted to the Governor's Crime Commission by Women in Action in January, focusing on people coming out of prison without supervision. Gudrun mentioned Michael Page and Marcia Owen working with Women in Action on the grant. She stated a Reentry forum was planned by NCCU in April and she would provide more information once she received it.

Jo Iverson presented a draft proposal for changes in the SA treatment program. She stated the SA staff had met numerous times and identified several problems. A few of those problems were poor attendance rate, low compliance rate, lack of participation, and lack of a support system. The reason to change the program was to reverse the problems that were raised. She stated they

planned to adopt the State's Best Practice for Substance Abuse Treatment Programs and use their guidelines for the structure of the program, she mentioned the importance of everyone using the same language. She stated this structure would allow more individual counseling sessions with a longer length in treatment phases and less time in groups or classes. Jo summarized the rest of the proposal report and broke it down by each phase. She also mentioned that a family component would be added for both treatment programs and the importance of that piece. There was discussion on the length of time a client would be in treatment. Jo recommended a start date of March 2007.

Gudrun pointed out that a draft of the Annual Report was in the handouts and asked that each member read the report and send any feedback, suggestions, questions or corrections to her by mid March. She explained that the final version would be mailed to each member.

TASC Program – Dianne Smith gave a brief overview of the TASC (Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities) program. She stated the program started 1962 in California and it was determined at that time that addiction was an illness and not a crime. She stated it took 16 years for the program to reach NC in 1978 and today there were TASC programs all over the State of NC. Diane explained the screening process and what TASC had accomplished in the past year. She pointed out the handout and stated the handout provided more information on the program. She stated TASC was a bridge that was strictly a liaison between the justice system and the treatment provider.

Division of Community Corrections – Geoff Hathaway presented a report on violations. He stated in the old policy if the probationer did not do right while on probation, probation officers filled out a form and took the offender back to court for a violation. That made prison a revolving door for many individuals. A new violation policy had been created. Geoff explained the two types of violations, delegated authority and the level of punishment. Geoff completed his report by explaining the process of a violation. The board talked briefly about violations while still in treatment.

Gudrun suggested since the presentations and discussion were cut short due to timing restraints that Dianne Smith and Geoff Hathaway be added to the agenda at the next board meeting for more of their presentation and discussion. The board agreed.

Announcement – No announcements at this meeting.

Ann thanked all members and visitors for attending and informed the board the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 16, 2007.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm